

safety and efficacy. What Schering calls "regulatory delay" may well be the result of its own delays through miscalculations, complications in its research and safety problems with its product. Schering conveniently never mentions that Claritin's "regulatory delay" resulted in no small part from the need to be sure that Claritin was not linked to cancer, as scientific data suggested during its review by FDA.

One of the points of the Waxman-Hatch Act was to stop companies like Schering from lobbying Congress for patent extensions. It has been generally successful, with the exception of rogue companies like Schering. If Schering believes it was unduly delayed, we have only to await the General Accounting Office's review of the circumstances surrounding the approval of Claritin. The introduction of H.R. 1598 leads me to believe that Schering is simply afraid of what the GAO will find.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 1598 is a terrible deal for consumers. It creates a blatantly unfair administrative process which undercuts the public health. It does violence to the 1984 Waxman-Hatch Act. And it fulfills the public's worst expectations of Congress as a body motivated by the interests of lucrative industries, like the prescription drug industry, and not of average Americans struggling to afford their medicines.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. GREEN of Texas (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of weather delay.

Mr. KIND (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of airport weather delay.

Mr. STUPAK (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on the account of weather delay.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Member (at the request of Mr. PALLONE) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. GUTKNECHT) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. FLETCHER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, on June 16.

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, for 5 minutes each day, on today and June 15.

Mr. BILIRAKIS, for 5 minutes, on June 17.

Mr. MICA, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MORAN of Kansas, for 5 minutes, on June 15.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, on June 15.

Mr. GUTKNECHT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PAUL, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. THUNE, for 5 minutes, today.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island. Madam Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 11 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, June 15, 1999, at 9 a.m., for morning hour debates.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

2576. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of the Navy, transmitting notification of the Department's decision to study certain functions performed by military and civilian personnel in the Department of the Navy for possible performance by private contractors, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2304 nt.; to the Committee on Armed Services.

2577. A letter from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting the approval of the retirement of Admiral Joseph W. Prueher, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

2578. A letter from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting approval of the retirement of Lieutenant General Martin R. Steele, United States Marine Corps, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

2579. A letter from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting approval of the retirement of General Charles C. Krulak, United States Marine Corps, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

2580. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting notice of Final Funding Priorities for Fiscal Years 1999-2000 for Certain Centers and Projects, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1232(f); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

2581. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Department of Education, transmitting notice of Final Funding Priorities for Fiscal Years 1999-2000 for Certain Centers and Projects, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1232(f); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

2582. A letter from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Office of Safeguards and Security, Department of Energy, transmitting the Manual for Nuclear Materials Management and Safeguards System Reporting and Data Submission, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2583. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Indirect Food Additives: Adhesives and Components of Coatings [Docket No. 98F-0823] received June 8, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2584. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the

Administration's final rule—Indirect Food Additives: Adjuvants, Production Aids, and Sanitizers; Technical Amendment [Docket No. 97F-0421] received June 3, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

2585. A letter from the CFO and Plan Administrator, PCA Retirement Committee, First South Production Credit Association, transmitting the annual report of the Production Credit Association Retirement Plan for the year ending December 31, 1998, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9503(a)(1)(B); to the Committee on Government Reform.

2586. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Office of Law Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Migratory Bird Hunting: Regulations Regarding Baiting and Baited Areas (RIN: 1018-AD74) received June 1, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

2587. A letter from the Fisheries Biologist, Office of Protected Resources, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Sea Turtle Conservation; Shrimp Trawling Requirements [Docket No. 950427117-8275-04; I.D. No. 100598B] (RIN: 0648-AH97) received June 3, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

2588. A letter from the Fisheries Biologist, Office of Protected Resources, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Sea Turtle Conservation; Shrimp Trawling Requirements [I.D. 102098A] (RIN: 0648-AH97) received June 8, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

2589. A letter from the President, American Academy of Arts and Letters, transmitting the annual report of the activities of the American Academy of Arts and Letters during the year ending December 31, 1997, pursuant to section 4 of its charter (39 Stat. 51); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

2590. A letter from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Pratt & Whitney JT8D-200 Series Turbofan Engines [Docket No. 98-ANE-43-AD; Amendment 39-11188; AD-99-12-04] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received June 8, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2591. A letter from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Pratt & Whitney JT8D-1, -1A, -1B, -7, -7A, -7B, -9, -9A, -11, -15, -15A, -17, -17A, -17R, and -17AR Series Turbofan Engines [Docket No. 98-ANE-48-AD; Amendment 39-11187; AD 99-12-03] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received June 8, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2592. A letter from the Program Analyst, Office of the Chief Counsel, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Modification of Class E Airspace; Santa Rosa, CA [Airspace Docket No. 99-AWP-3] received June 8, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

2593. A letter from the Chief, Regs and Admin Law, USCG, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Safety Zone; Marblehead, MA to Halifax, Nova Scotia Ocean Race [CGD01-99-062]